

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1018

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A RESOLUTION to commend Andrew Bishop upon receiving a Prudential Spirit of Community Award and for his meritorious service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Bishop is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Andrew, an esteemed resident of Spring Hill and junior at Independence High School, has achieved national acclaim for his exemplary record of volunteer service, gaining recognition as a 2008 Prudential Spirit of Community Award Distinguished Finalist; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious award, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), honors young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their respective communities and encourages all young Americans to contribute to their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is part of a broad youth-service initiative by Prudential that includes a youth leadership training program administered by the Points of Light and Hands On Network, a free booklet of volunteer ideas for young people offered through the Federal Citizen Information Center, and a Web site that offers countless support to young volunteers; and

WHEREAS, this program is the largest youth recognition program based solely on volunteer service and all public and private middle and high schools in the country, Girl Scout councils, county 4-H organizations, American Red Cross chapters, YMCAs and volunteer

centers are eligible to nominate a student or member for a local award; distinguished finalists and state honorees are chosen from the local honorees based on personal initiative, creativity, effort, impact, and personal growth; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Bishop was recognized for spearheading a volunteer group dedicated to encouraging teen volunteerism and raising funds for less fortunate youth in his county; and

WHEREAS, Andrew's All About Kids organization now boasts a membership of more than forty members who devote the majority of their efforts to supporting a local group home for boys, holding fundraisers to buy necessary items, and offering friendship to the residents; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Bishop has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, as a Distinguished Finalist, Andrew will receive an engraved bronze medallion at a locally held ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Bishop's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Andrew is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, the success of this State, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of American society depend, in great measure, upon the dedication of young people like Mr. Bishop, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor Andrew Bishop as a 2008 Distinguished Finalist in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, recognizing his outstanding record of volunteer service, peer leadership, and community spirit, and extending our best wishes for his continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.